

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

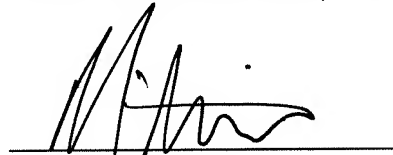
Applicants have carefully considered the Office Action of April 18, 2007, and the references cited therein. In the Office Action, Claims 1-3, 5-6 and 8-16 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claims 1-22 of U.S. Patent No. 7,138,560 (Przepasniak et al.). Also, Claims 1-3, 5-6 and 8-16 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claims 1-23 of copending Application No. 10/326,912. Without commenting on the propriety of the rejections, Applicants submit herewith two Terminal Disclaimers to overcome the rejections that were based on the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of claims 1-16, as presented herein, and submits that these claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue.

If any fee or extension of time is required to obtain entry of this Amendment, the undersigned hereby petitions the Commissioner to grant any necessary time extension and authorizes charging Deposit Account No. 04-1403 for any such fee not submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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